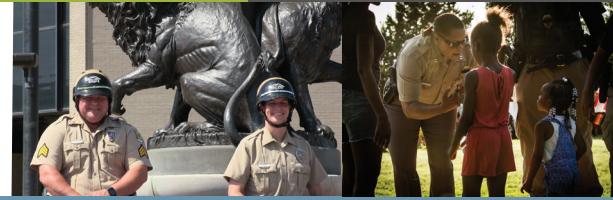


# Year In Review





The Wichita Police Department's mission is to provide professional and ethical public safety services in partnership with citizens to identify, prevent, and solve the problems of crime, fear of crime, social disorder, and neighborhood decay, thereby improving the quality of life in our community.

# City Leaders



**LaVonta  
Williams**  
District I



**Pete  
Meitzner**  
District II



**James  
Clendenin**  
District III



**Jeff  
Blubaugh**  
District IV



**Bryan  
Frye**  
District V



**Janet  
Miller**  
District VI

# Jeff Longwell



Mayor Jeff Longwell was elected to office in April 2015. He is a long-time resident of Wichita. He grew up in a west-side neighborhood and attended West High School, and Wichita State University.

Mayor Longwell began his community involvement as a member of the Maize School Board of Education. He served there for 12 years, during which time he served as President and Vice-President, as well as in a Governmental Relations role. These experiences led to his interest in running for City Council, to which he was elected as a District IV Council Member in April 2007.

Mayor Longwell's goals and objectives are to move the City of Wichita forward

by promoting economic development among city and county lines, generating jobs, and creating a business-friendly environment. Mayor Longwell has championed many issues related to improving the community, including governmental accountability; accessibility and transparency; economic development and job creation; strategic regional partnerships; quality of life issues; a strong infrastructure; and public transit.

Mayor Longwell and his wife, Susie, have an adult daughter, twin adult sons, two daughters in-law, a son in-law and two granddaughters.

# Robert Layton



City Manager Robert Layton has been involved in local government management for more than 35 years. He served as City Manager from 1984 to 2008 for Urbandale, Iowa. Before going to Urbandale, he was an assistant to the City Manager in Des Moines, Iowa from 1980 to 1984; prior to that he was a budget analyst and public management intern for Kansas City, MO.

Mr. Layton earned a graduate degree in Public Administration from Syracuse University and he earned a bachelor's degree in Public Administration from Drake University.

He is a member of the International City/County Management Association, a former president of the Iowa

City/County Management Association, and a former executive board member of the Iowa League of Cities.

His other activities include Chair of the City Finance Committee for the State of Iowa; Board of Directors for Public Technology Inc.; Board of Directors of Iowa Municipalities Workers Compensation Association; Board of Directors for Iowa One Call; Practitioner in Residence at Iowa State University; the Salvation Army Advisory Board; Wichita Art Museum, Inc. Board of Trustees; Adjunct Professor at Wichita State University, and United Way of the Plains Board of Directors.

Mr. Layton became Wichita's City Manager on Feb. 2, 2009. He reports to a seven-member City Council and oversees 3,000+ employees, a \$573 million annual budget and a \$1.9 billion Capital Improvement Program.





*WPD officers in front of The Kansas African American Museum.*



# Accomplishments

The Wichita Police Department can mark the year 2016 as a success. There were many highlights and advances which continued enhancing public safety services. For instance, strides were made in building a new Patrol East Police Station. The Patrol East Police Station is the oldest and most outdated of all WPD facilities. Land has been purchased to build the facility at Central and Bristol Road, and a vendor has been selected in designing the new facility. The vision of the new police stations will include a community room that can be utilized by community members, and also an area for children that will help promote a family friendly atmosphere. WPD also introduced National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) technology. The

NIBIN Program automates ballistics evaluations and provides actionable investigative leads in a timely manner. The addition of this resource is instrumental in reducing gun violence in Wichita. WPD also experienced a dramatic change in policy 605 which regulates when officers can respond to situations using emergency lights and sirens. The relaxing of this policy allows more leeway for officers to respond to more emergency situations needing police assistance, thus saving lives and providing better

safety services. WPD also had a staffing study completed in 2016 by Matrix Consulting Group. Overall, the study recommends 49 additional officer positions and 24 additional civilian positions. Specifically, 28 more patrol officer positions and 11 community service officer positions are recommended.

*Chief Gordon  
Ramsay in the  
community.*



## Wichita Police Annual Awards Ceremony

WPD's annual awards ceremony was held Nov. 14. The Officer of the Year award was presented to Officer Renay Bryand, the non-sworn Employee of the Year award was presented to Erika Cepeda, Monica Nienstedt, and Krayton Easley, and the Cooper/McKee Volunteer of the Year award was presented to Clell Solomon. These men and women have gone above and beyond in their roles with WPD. Police Chief Gordon Ramsay summed it up well when he stated "these are the best of the best!"

## WPD "First Steps Cookout" Takes Giant Leap

What began as a simple idea became known worldwide, bringing WPD into the national spotlight. The idea was to host a community cookout to bring citizens and police officers together to

do what pretty much everyone enjoys to do—eat! The event included music, games, bounce houses, and much more. Chief Ramsay also took time to speak with the audience and take questions. This small "step" took a giant leap in building bridges between the WPD and the community. The event was also broadcast on Facebook live and was a trending topic!

## Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police Awards Banquet

Area law enforcement officers were honored at the 37th annual awards banquet of the Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police in Dodge City.

Seven WPD officers received awards. Congratulations to each of them for their hard work and dedication!

Officers Aaron Moses, Brek Train, Dane Myers, and Zachary Gehring received the Gold Award for their life-

saving efforts when they jumped in to a frozen pond to save two people from a car that was quickly sinking. Officers Michael Russell and Bryan Knowles received the Gold Award for the excellent work done to solve a series of crimes and apprehend the dangerous felon associated with the crimes. Officer Kyle Perry received the Silver Award for saving the life of a suicidal male.

## WPD Partakes in "Running Man Challenge"

WPD joins the national craze of the "Running Man Challenge" to the hit song "My Boo" by Ghost Town DJs. This fun interaction between the police department and the community was a hit. Several entries were made nationwide. The Wichita Police Bomb Squad received the most "likes," and were declared the winner of 2016!





*WPD officers in the community; receiving awards; and participating in the "Running Man Challenge."*



# Field Services

The Field Services Division is the “backbone” of the Wichita Police Department. Currently, 518 individuals are assigned to Field Services and they are split into four different patrol bureaus—Patrol North, Patrol South, Patrol East, and Patrol West. Officers are on patrol 365 days a year, seven days a week and 24 hours a day. They are always ready to make calls and strive to accomplish the WPD mission: “to provide professional and ethical public safety services in partnership with citizens to identify, prevent and solve the problems of crime, fear of crime, social disorder and neighborhood decay, thereby improving the quality of life in our community.”

In 2016, Wichita police officers responded to 321,128 calls and wrote more than 119,000 cases, a majority of cases written by patrol officers. Officers strove to not only provide safety services, but focus on building relationships. For example, on February 13th, Officer Jeff Taylor was dispatched to a welfare call at

the Value Place near Maple and West St. A citizen was calling in on a “lost”, blind disabled man. Officer Taylor made contact with the man, Lorenzo Peoples, as he was walking around. Peoples was blind and trying to learn the terrain around his home. Officer Taylor, at the request of Peoples, drove next to him and talked with him about

the terrain. Officer Taylor wanted to help Peoples get familiar with the area. Since that day, they have continued to meet and build a friendship.

Officers assigned to Field Services also focused on projects positively impacting the Wichita community. For instance, Officers Lori Kimrey and

*Aerial view of  
Patrol East  
Police Station.*



Darrin Williams were honored with the Community Based Ally Award by the Kansas Coalition against Sexual and Domestic Violence for a project they have worked on for the past three years. The program helps provide

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***Over 1,200 citations  
in Click it or  
Ticket program***

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Christmas gifts to children in domestic violence shelters. In 2015, they were able to provide gifts to 240 kids. This program is made possible through sponsors and donations, and does not use City or police department funds. Also, the Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) helped a former homeless man, Carl. The HOT team helped Carl get a job with a traveling carnival and provided him a bus ticket to Alabama for the job. He is now engaged and has his own apartment in Tennessee. Carl said, "Thank you Nate and all of the HOT team members for believing

in me. You gave me the inspiration to better myself and I have done that. I owe everything to them. They are Angels of Christ. THANK YOU."

Research shows a decrease in fatality accidents and accidents overall when citations are written in a particular area. WPD is dedicated to making the streets of Wichita safe for citizens and those traveling through our city. In 2016, officers addressed 11,437 accidents and wrote 64,796 citations. Part of the safety efforts included the department's participation in the national Click It or Ticket program. The Click It or Ticket grant-funded program was a huge success for the WPD. Between May 23 and June 5, 344 patrol hours were dedicated to this program, and officers from each of the four bureaus participated; 1,236 citations were issued.

# Investigations Division

The Investigations Division is comprised of three investigative bureaus that are primarily responsible for the follow-up investigation of crimes committed against persons or property in Wichita. Cases are forwarded by Field Services Division (patrol) and our Police Case Desk, and are reviewed by supervisors and detectives.

The Property Crimes Bureau consists of the Burglary Section, Larceny Section, Financial Crimes Section, and Auto Theft Section. The mission of the Property Crimes Bureau is to thoroughly investigate criminal cases with the intent to identify and charge offenders, recover stolen property, and prepare cases for successful prosecution. Detectives work hand-in-hand to complete the successful prosecutions. For instance, during July and August 2016, several burglaries were reported at a business complex in the 500 block of S. Holland. Those cases

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***Narcotics seize over  
\$125,000 and more  
than 40 pounds of  
Methamphetamine:  
101 assigned cases***

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were assigned to Detective Virgil Miller. On Aug. 2, 2016, Sedgwick County Deputy Collins stopped a vehicle that was stolen under another burglary case assigned to Detective Tammie

Doshier. In addition to drug evidence in the vehicle, the deputy located stolen property from some of Detective Miller's cases. The suspect, Justin Cornejo, was brought to Investigations where he confessed to the burglaries in a post Miranda interview and gave up his two accomplices, David Ybanez and Sabhdiel Duenas. Ybanez was found by Officers later that night and he also confessed to Detectives. Duenas was found by Officers the next day and he also confessed to Detectives. Most of the \$200,000.00 loss was recovered and returned to the respective owners.

All three suspects were eventually charged with five counts of Burglary and Theft each on the various cases, and Cornejo was also charged with possession of methamphetamine.

The Crimes Against Persons Bureau consists of the Homicide Section, Gang/Felony Assault Section, Sex Crimes/Domestic Violence Section, Exploited and Missing Children's Unit, Robbery/Accident Follow-up Section and the Night Investigations Section. The Persons' crimes' sections are dedicated to fully investigating each case and to helping have a positive impact on the community. For example,

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### ***% of Cases Cleared***

***Homicide: 90.6***

***Rape: 73.5***

***Agg Assault: 72.9***

***Robbery: 39.1***

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in June of 2016, Gang Officers began to monitor a brewing gang feud between the Crip and Blood gangs that was playing out on Facebook. Officers then began to work numerous drive-by shootings occurring between these groups. Officers processed the scenes, collected shell casings and received very little cooperation or information from the intended targets. North SCAT and Community Police Officers worked with Detectives from the Gang/Felony Assault section on follow up. During this follow up Officer Donielle Watson contacted an eyewitness to one of the drive-bys. Detectives Blake Mumma and Brian Mock conducted a detailed recorded interview with her. She named the suspects, identified their location in the vehicle, and identified them as shooting into her house. Gang Detectives worked with Gang Officers, North SCAT, and Community Policing and all individuals were located and arrested. The case was presented to the District Attor-

### ***Detectives clear seven related burglary cases totaling over \$200,000***

ney's Office and all five suspects were charged with Discharge at an Occupied Dwelling and related weapons charges. As a result of these collaborative investigative efforts, ending in the arrest and charging of the suspects, there was a substantial drop in gang violence occurring between these groups.

The Special Investigations Bureau consists of the Administrative Section, Vice Section, Narcotics Section, and the Air Section. Each section specializes in the investigation of drug and vice-related complaints. The Special Investigations Bureau investigates crimes that include liquor violations, illegal gambling, and drug offenses. The Special Investigation Bureau works continually to remove illegal drugs and guns from the streets of Wichita. Its work not only helps keep Wichita safe, but also impacts property crimes, person's crimes, and gang crimes.



# Support Services

The Support Services Division provides services to the entire department as well as the community. The Division is made up of the Administrative Services Bureau, Records Bureau, and the Training Bureau.

With more than 119,000 cases written in 2016, it's a challenge to make sure the information is organized and easily locatable. Both commissioned staff and civilian staff work daily to complete this mission. WPD wants to remain teachable and see where improvements can be made. In August 2016, the Records Bureau worked with an independent consultant to examine business processes in Case Desk, Central Records, Word Processing, Fingerprints, and Traffic. The goal was to determine if changes could be made to increase efficiency, limit backlogs, and improve customer

service. As a result of this analysis, several changes were implemented to include revised productivity expectations, modify work assignments, and cross-training. The result has been a drastic reduction in the amount of back log in certain areas of the Records Bureau, which facilitates greatly improved customer service to both the public and internal customers in Field Services and Investigations. During the course of the work flow analysis from August to November, it was determined a significant contributing factor to work duplication and back logs was the current records manage-

ment system, EJS. A recommendation was made to replace EJS with a more efficient modern Records Management System. Research began to determine available options with plans to conduct a department-wide needs assessment and to develop a RFP for a new system beginning in early 2017. Additionally, WPD, in conjunction with the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office and Wichita State University, announced the joint venture to build a new training facility on the Innovation Campus at Wichita State University. While the details are still being finalized, this is a significant step towards taking the training

center to the next level. The ability to keep training alongside our long-term partners at the Sheriff's Office is invaluable. The partnership with Wichita State University adds to our value in many ways. The new facility's

location on a major college campus will assist recruiting efforts as we compete for the talent. Additionally, being so close to academic talent at WSU will allow us to learn from the best in the field.

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# Chief Gordon Ramsay

Gordon Ramsay started his tenure as the Wichita Chief of Police on Jan. 28, 2016. Ramsay had been the chief in Duluth, Minnesota since 2006. He was a police officer there for 22 years. He has extensive experience in community policing. He worked with diverse groups including NAACP, American Indian Commission, Native Alliance, and African-American Men's Group to create Duluth's first police civilian review board. Under Ramsay's leadership, Duluth received high marks from residents in recent surveys, as well as recognition from the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) in 2012 and 2013 for community policing efforts. He is past President of the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association and immediate past General Chair of

***"I'm always impressed  
by the professionalism  
and quality work done  
by Wichita Police  
Department Staff. They  
work very hard to keep  
our community safe."***

the Mid-Size Agency Section of IACP. He has a master's degree in Management from the College of St. Scholastica (2004) and a bachelor's degree in Criminology and Sociology from the University of Minnesota-Duluth (1994). He graduated from the FBI National Academy in 2005.



# Promotions

Jennifer Summerer .....Promoted to Service Officer I  
Sylvia Ramirez . Promoted to Victim's Assistance Advocate  
Patrick Leon ..... Promoted to Lieutenant  
Keely Molde..... Promoted to Customer Service Clerk II  
William Manchester ..... Promoted to Lieutenant  
Jamie Crouch ..... Promoted to Sergeant  
Lee Eisenbise ..... Promoted to Sergeant  
Jesse Hancock..... Promoted to Sergeant  
Douglas Gerdes ..... Promoted to Sergeant  
Maurice Mitchell ..... Promoted to Sergeant  
Vanessa Rusco ..... Promoted to Sergeant  
Wendell Nicholson..... Promoted to Sergeant  
Heather Huhman .....Promoted to Detective  
Tammie Doshier .....Promoted to Detective

Michael Lloyd .....Promoted to Detective  
Krys Henderson .....Promoted to Detective  
Tim Reynolds.....Promoted to Detective  
Gavin Seiler.....Promoted to Deputy Chief  
Geoffrey Scott ..... Promoted to SPIDER Dispatcher  
Troy Livingston .....Promoted to Deputy Chief  
Jose Salcido .....Promoted to Deputy Chief  
Clay Germany..... Promoted to Captain  
Anna Hatter ..... Promoted to Captain  
Wanda Parker-Givens ..... Promoted to Captain  
Brian Sigman.....Promoted to Lieutenant  
Chris McAuliffe .....Promoted to Lieutenant  
Melissa Sutton.....Promoted to Service Officer I  
Patrick Phipps .....Promoted to Lieutenant

Eduardo Padron ..... Promoted to Sergeant

Erik Noack ..... Promoted to Detective

Chad Remy..... Promoted to Sergeant

Donna Willcutt ..... Promoted to P&E Supervisor

Patricia Brock ..... Promoted to Detective

Joan Kyle..... Promoted to Property Clerk

Erik Guzman..... Promoted to Detective

Jason Cooley..... Promoted to Sergeant

Husam Shourbaji..... Promoted to Detective

Robert Henning ..... Promoted to Sergeant

Erika Cepeda..... Promoted to Admin Secretary

Brandon Lenzi ..... Promoted to Sergeant

Troy Bussard ..... Promoted to Detective

Michael Cathey..... Promoted to Detective

Long Nguyen ..... Promoted to Detective

Richard Schell ..... Promoted to Detective

William Stevens ..... Promoted to Detective





# Retirements

Gregory Dalton ..... Detective  
Walker Andrews ..... Lieutenant  
Nelson Mosley ..... Deputy Chief  
Isalone Varnell ..... Detective  
Robert Dickerson ..... Officer  
Rickey Sears ..... Officer  
Steven Kenney ..... Lieutenant  
Richard Stopka ..... Officer  
Joetta Richardson ..... Section Supervisor  
Clark Bolan ..... Sergeant  
John Hoofer ..... Sergeant  
Lynda “JoAnne” Redfield ..... Service Officer I  
Hassan Ramzah ..... Deputy Chief  
Janet Messerschmidt ..... Administrative Secretary  
Rosemary Martinez ..... Customer Service Clerk I  
Von Hardin ..... Police Officer





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